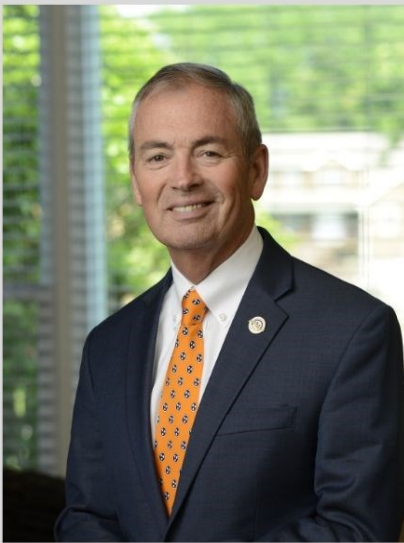




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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

Someone said to me that faith and fate will both take you places and the only difference is the "I". I believe that to be true within the walls of the Mayor's Office. We have been blessed with a great team. They care about the customer that walks through the door each day and they care about each other as coworkers and friends. Fate could have brought them together. We do have two ladies who both have twin boys. but they all share a common bond of faith between each other. They truly understand work and what really matters in life. Our team will lose a great player this week as Bethany Harrison will move to another career. "B" as we call her, is a very talented lady who can write with the best. Bethany's way with words allowed us to communicate our goals and missions in a profound manner. Her ability with graphics and presentations gave us the ability to compile a year's worth of data and deliver it to the public in 25 minutes. Her personal touch on so many fronts gave our office a level of professionalism that I believe made us stand out to the public we serve. She will be truly missed from our staff and we are thankful for her achievements that made us shine. Bethany will follow her husband to Kentucky with his new job opportunity and she will start another challenging career of being a full time mom to two wonderful boys, Jack and Wade. She may be entering into the best career of all time. Her abilities in English and writing as well as her computer skills will be engulfed in its greatest place within her children. B's ability to sing and her spirituality will also blossom somewhere as well, I'm sure. So we say goodbye for now but we know our loss is just somebody else's gain. The saying "Old Kentucky Home" just got new life and will never be the same. Good luck, B and happy trails.

Randall Hutto

Steward the Stories: A Bittersweet Goodbye

by Bethany Harrison

One of my favorite lines from the book *Every Moment Holy* by Douglas McKelvey is as follows "Let us therefore go forth and steward one another's stories". The line comes from "A Liturgy for Leavings"; a most appropriate title for this season of life. In January, my husband and I, along with our two young children will relocate our family to Louisville, Kentucky. My last day in Mayor Hutto's office will be December 13th, 2019 and this will be my last official publication of "The County Connection". I have served as the Editor-In-Chief so to speak for the last three and a half years. There have been several changes over the years to the format, photos, and subject matter as I have slowly but surely tried to tweak the publication to include as much information as possible, in a very small space. At times, the publication became more of a book than a newsletter but Wilson County has no shortage of exciting news to share. I have enjoyed every minute working on this publication and hope that you have enjoyed reading it as much as I have enjoyed composing it. I assure you that I have left it in very capable hands and look forward to becoming a subscriber myself in the coming months. I've learned a lot in this position about government, politics, economic development, customer service and countless other topics. I've grown as a writer and developed my skill set into a marketable employee. I've worked really hard and I am proud of all that I've accomplished and been a part of during my time here. However, if I had to choose, I would say that the most important lesson I have learned in this position is the value of sharing one another's stories. Stories allow us to relate to one another. They make us human. They inspire change. Stories can be legislation in action or legacies in the making. Because someone shared their story with Mayor Hutto, we now have the Wilson County Homeless Coalition. Because someone shared their story, we have DrugFree WilCo. Because someone shared their story our office, and county government as a whole participates in initiatives to combat suicide, ALS, cancer, poverty, homelessness, drug use, elder abuse and so many other issues plaguing our society. In my three and a half years here I have witnessed things that will absolutely break your heart. However, I have also witnessed so many people unite to piece hearts back together again by initiating change through telling their stories. The most important thing we can do is steward each other's stories well. I hope that in these pages you've been enlightened to a few of the good things your government is doing in our community. By sharing the stories of the work we do, I hope you are confident that though the world is a crazy, dangerous place, there are still people working for the good. As I depart from this position and the world of county government, I leave you with this: "Make us ever mindful of one another unto the end that we would labor in the days to come as those who would tend and encourage the stories of those around us by prayer and friendship and thoughtfulness and conversation. affirming and sharpening and amplifying one another's good works, unto the end"- Douglas Kaine McKelvey, *Every Moment Holy*.



Commissioner Spotlight: Sara Patton District 9



Sara Patton

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Wilson County

LANDFILL WINTER HOURS

OCTOBER - MARCH
MONDAY - FRIDAY: 7AM - 3PM
CLOSED SATURDAY

Volunteers Work to Keep Garbage Out Of Drinking Water Supply

Submitted by James Vaden, Stormwater Director

On a warm Saturday, October 5th, four volunteers with Blessed Earth Tennessee worked to pick up about 2-300 lbs of plastics, metal, and glass in and along the banks of Beech Log Creek in Watertown Community Park. Along with the usual plastic, glass and paper picked up was an HVAC duct, car windshield that had been broken on the bedrock bottom of the creek and a 55-gallon drum, likely from the park (and returned there). The volunteers used cardboard and old broom found in the creek to sweep the glass up from the dry creek bottom.

John McFadden, with Blessed Earth said it's important to get the trash out of the creek so it doesn't make it to downstream waters. "It helps protect our downstream drinking water supplies and wildlife. It's important for humans and wildlife, since the plastic, we know now breaks down into "micro" plastics and is in our drinking water. It's time we started to remove it at the source." In addition to working to steward God's natural resources, the volunteers also got a nice workout for the Saturday morning. Walking in and along the creek bank is a great way to get a workout and the volunteers walked as much as a mile, climbed and bent over several times!

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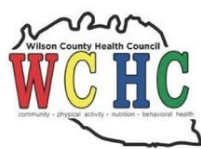


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TCAT Receives Give Grant

On November 7, Governor Bill Lee announced projects receiving funding through the Governor's Investment in Vocational Education (GIVE) program which prioritizes learning opportunities in rural counties and enhances career and technical education statewide. Earlier this year, the General Assembly approved \$25 million in the governor's budget to initiate collaboration at the local level among stakeholders such as higher education institutions, K-12 and economic development partners. The award process began in June when the Tennessee Higher Education Commission issued a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP). Each proposal was required to show local data that clearly identified both workforce needs and a sustainable plan utilizing equipment, work-based learning experiences, or recognized industry certifications to increase the state's competitiveness and post-secondary attainment goals. Give Award funding will allow TCAT Hartsville to expand its advanced manufacturing training capacity in its service area including high school students from Trousdale, Jackson, Macon, Smith and Wilson Counties.

TCAT Hartsville's proposal focuses on closing the gap for high school students continuing on to college. This program will add dual enrollment capacity for high school students in Advanced Manufacturing, Industrial Maintenance, Mechatronics, Machine Tool Technology and Welding Technology. GIVE funding provides the College approximately \$800,000 to invest in additional instructional equipment, along with \$200,000 to fund Work Based Learning opportunities, certificates of achievement and capstone opportunities for high school students with participating industry partners across our service area. There is also money earmarked specifically for the new Green Hill High School.



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SAVE THE DATE

Kick-Off Event Saturday February 1st

Walk will begin at 8:00am and conclude at the Wilson County Courthouse

Finale Celebration Saturday March 21st

9:00am at Wilson County Board of Education (Old Lebanon High School)

Calling all organizations, churches, and schools!

Form a team and get active from 2/2- 2/29



Or contact 615-444-5325 ext. 1014 for more information

Wilson County HR NEWS

Human Resources is doing a monthly employee giveaway. We have several fun items for you to pick from. All Wilson County Employees will have a chance to win during their anniversary month. Please contact HR at 615-466-5152 or 615-466-5138 to claim your prize.

December Winners

Charles Sanders
Ag Center

Tori Brewington
Circuit Court Clerk

Kim Stewart
Circuit Court Clerk

Stacie Wahl
County Clerk

Tammy Smith
Election Commission

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019

UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER DAY!

it's about to get ugly



County Celebrates City of Lebanon Bicentennial with Mural Unveiling

The City of Lebanon celebrated its Bicentennial on November 23, 2019. Mayor Hutto spoke at the celebration and participated in the mural unveiling. Wilson County's Tourism department has initiated a movement known as "#PaintWilco". The mural pictured is the first of 10 murals to be produced around the county in the next year as part of the efforts toward beautification and tourism enhancement.



December 3 - Tullahoma
December 6 - Mt. Juliet
December 13 - Hendersonville
January 17 - Beech
January 21 - Portland
January 31 - Wilson Central
February 4 - Station Camp
February 7 - Gallatin

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Christmas Parade Express

DECEMBER 7, 2019



Piedmont Natural Gas presents the Christmas Parade Express.

Free for all to ride. Donations encouraged to benefit the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Limit 4 tickets per person. After the parade, the train will depart Riverfront Station at 12:30 p.m.



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Openings in Wilson and Davidson counties

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Christmas Tree Recycling

Rockwood Sustainable Solutions, for the 3rd year running, will offer free Christmas tree recycling for Wilson County residents beginning December 26th thru January 10th. You can drop off your REAL trees at: Rockwood Sustainable Solutions, 510 Hartmann Dr., Lebanon, TN 37087. A large container will be placed near the road, on site, for resident to drop their tree. All trees will be 100% recycled into landscape mulch or fuel for electricity. Please remember to remove all ornaments and lights.

This year, Rockwood will also have a box, on site, for Christmas lights recycling. If you have broken Christmas lights, removed from your tree, there will be a small box where you can deposit lights. All lights will be sent to ERS- Electronics Recycling Solutions, a company built to provide jobs and workplace training for adults with autism.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Rockwood Sustainable Solutions.

DECEMBER 26- JANUARY 10

Christmas Tree Recycling

real trees only, please

Rockwood Sustainable Solutions
510 Hartmann Dr.
Lebanon, TN

lights & ornaments must be removed
lights may be brought with tree & recycled on site



The Lebanon-Wilson County Library will be **CLOSED** for renovations until January 6, 2020.

Happy Holidays from all of us here at the County Mayor's Office!

